**TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE****COASTAL EROSION PLANNING AND RESPONSE ACT (CEPRA)****CYCLE 8 (FY 2014 – 2015) REQUEST FOR****PROJECT GOAL SUMMARIES****Submission Due Date: July 1, 2013**

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) anticipates receiving CEPRA Cycle 8 project funding, pending appropriation by the 83rd Texas Legislature. Therefore, the CEPRA program is requesting potential project partners to submit Project Goal Summaries for Cycle 8 funding consideration.

The CEPRA program implements coastal erosion response projects and related studies to reduce the effects of erosion and to understand the processes of coastal erosion as it continues to threaten public beaches, natural resources, coastal development, and public infrastructure. Under CEPRA, the GLO implements erosion response projects and studies through a matching funds partnership with federal, state, and local governments, non-profit organizations and other potential project partners. Beach nourishment projects on a public beach or bay shore require a minimum 25% non-CEPRA funding match while marsh restoration, shoreline protection, and any other coastal erosion response studies or projects require a minimum 40% non-CEPRA funding match (Texas Natural Resources Code §33.603(e)).

The following types of projects will be considered for funding, with priority given to projects that will include physical construction of an erosion response solution during the biennium:

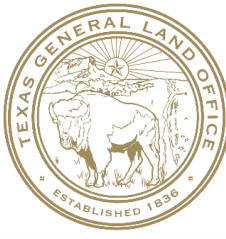
- beach nourishment on Gulf of Mexico or bay beaches
- shoreline stabilization
- habitat restoration and protection
- dune restoration
- beneficial use of dredged material (e.g., beach nourishment, habitat restoration)
- coastal erosion related studies and investigations
- demonstration projects
- structure relocation and debris removal

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CEPRA staff will evaluate PGS submissions based on several criteria including but not limited to:

- the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the proposed project;
- the economic impacts of erosion in the area of the proposed project;
- the effect of the proposed project on public infrastructure, private property and/or natural resources threatened by erosion;
- whether the project will provide for beneficial use of beach-quality sand dredged in constructing and maintaining navigation inlets and channels of the state;
- whether funding can be leveraged with sources other than CEPRA funding;
- whether the potential project partner has already made or received a binding commitment to fund all or a portion of a given project;
- if the project involves structural shoreline protection on or landward of a public beach, whether such project uses innovative technologies designed or engineered to minimize beach scour in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code, §33.603(b)(14) and is consistent with the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program, particularly 31 Texas Administrative Code §501.26(b) (relating to Policies for Construction in the Beach/Dune System).

The GLO is requesting potential project partners submit Project Goal Summaries by July 1, 2013 in order to qualify for CEPRA Cycle 8 funding consideration. The PGS form is available for download at the following website:

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/cepra8>

The GLO will accept project goal summaries by:

- Email - coastalprojects@glo.state.tx.us;
- Mail - General Land Office, Attn: Thomas Durnin, Coastal Resources Program Area, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873; or
- Fax - (512) 475-0680.

For more information regarding the CEPRA program please visit the CEPRA web page at:

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/caring-for-the-coast/grants-funding/cepra/index.html>